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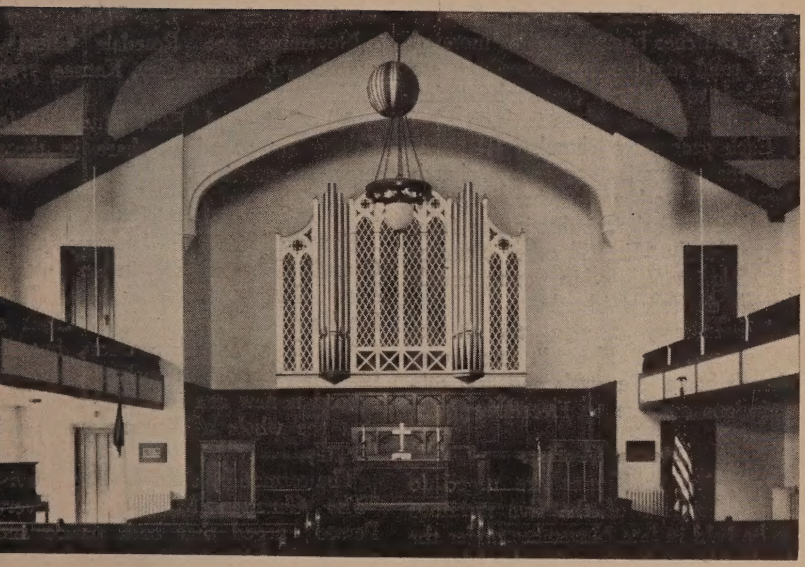

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Time to Renew

A Key Person in every church has received a list of the present subscribers to Congregational Kansas. Only churches having 20% or more of their total membership subscribing are entitled to the 50 cent subscription rate. The cost to others is $1.00

Each year more churches are sending the magazine to every church family. In other churches, one devoted person solicits subscriptions from every family. In still other churches the Pilgrim Fellowship young people handle the job efficiently.

Whatever your plan, try to get "Congregational Kansas" into every church home. Renewals and new subscriptions are due by December 15.

Marcus Meetings

Churches in Kansas are urged to take advantage of the five meetings to be held in late November under the leadership of the Rev. Chester Marcus, sponsored by our Conference Committee for Christian Social Action — the Rev. Sadaichi Asai, Chairman.

Mr. Marcus, Co-Secretary for Racial and Cultural Relations for CSA spent several months last year in Africa making a special study of Ghana. He has also worked closely with race problems in the United States. Take a carload to the meeting nearest you. His itinerary is:

November 26: Partridge Community Church — 11 A.M. service followed by a basket lunch and informal discussion, with an evening meeting at 7:30 P.M.

November 27: Lenora Congregational Church — 6:30 P.M. covered dish supper with presentation on Ghana followed by discussion.

November 28: Concord Church in Wichita — 7:30 P.M. meeting includes presentation, buzz groups, discussion and coffee.

November 29: Lawrence Plymouth evening meeting at 7:30 P.M.

November 30: Rosedale Church, 4406 Lloyd, Kansas City, Kansas, 7:30 P.M.

All C.C. and E&R churches in Kansas are urged to share in these important meetings.

Sandford Installation

Eastern Association delegates joined Council Grove church in an Installation Service for the Rev. Jack Sandford on October 23rd. Such a service is a formal occasion, but in this case, there was such anticipation toward a new era in the church life, that the whole affair was warm and friendly.

The sermon by the Rev. Paul Davis, "The Christian Ministry of Every Person" urged that both pastor and people live lives characterized by a basic Christian theology, integrity and persistence. Other parts were taken by Dr. L. Merle Rymph, Rev. Marvin Ediger, Rev. Donald Jewett, Rev. Julian Johnson, Rev. Stephen Williams and Mr. John R. Downes.

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LET'S HAVE THANKSGIVING

By Robert Croskery

In Wichita, local merchants have announced plans to inaugurate the Christmas selling season before Thanksgiving. A howl of protests has been made by religious persons and those who have been wearied by the lengthy selling seasons, past Christmases.

The Reverend George Dreher of Concord Church has urged Wichitans to insist on plain package wrappings until after November 23rd. Further, he has urged that post cards be sent local merchants inscribed only with a large, black NOVEMBER 23rd, or with stickers of turkeys, wheat, shocks, cornucopia or other Thanksgiving insignia.

The question has now become urgent: Has the traditional American institution of Thanksgiving been lost in the shuffle? And even if the feast day itself remains, has the act of Thanksgiving been lost?

Everyone must answer for himself. And if we, American Christians, are determined to reclaim the true spirit of Thanksgiving, how shall we do so? By opposing the merchants? By having a turkey feast Nov. 23rd? How?

We may begin by asking - for what do we have cause to be thankful? Food, clothing and shelter? Surely these things. For health, work and leisure? Surely these things. For television, transistors and tape recorders? Possibly these things. For education, wisdom and learning? Certainly these things.

And what of culture - books, music, drama and painting? What of refinement - courtesy, thoughtfulness, civility and grace?

And what of Religion - the ever presence of God, the new vigor from faith, the inspiration of Jesus Christ and the joy of life in "The Way?"

At this point of Crossroads in human history, when we are so richly blest, it is incumbent upon us to be channels of blessings to all men. The true celebration of Thanksgiving is the life of service. No richer celebration of Thanksgiving can there be than to be a channel of blessing for others: to be an example of civility, charity, learning, wisdom, Godliness and Commitment.

Renewal of the springs of such life in the Spirit is in part dependent upon the almost lost art of quiet contemplation. The relaxation of the mind which brings refreshment and new perspectives. Escapes from the hurry and harrassment of the world affords opportunity for re-examination of our lives and rearrangement of the values by which we live.

It is my hope that Thanksgiving Day can be such a day of quiet relaxation this year, with neither the jarring jangle of television, nor the incessant din of commerce, nor the hurry of appointments or meetings, or long put-off jobs around home. It is my longing for a day of serenity, peace and joy where I may find renewal and capture a new vision. Surely, there must be other Christians of a like mind.

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The United Board For World Missionaries

The field is the world. This is what the pioneers of American foreign missions believed. Every day brings fresh proof that they were right. No enterprise of any significance today can operate within a smaller frame of reference than the whole round earth. Least of all can the Christian Church fail to take the world as its field.

Our scriptures begin with the creation of the world, and end with a heavenly city into which the glory and honor of all nations shall come. In the center of the Bible stands the command — "You shall be my witnesses . . . to the end of the earth."

Our acceptance of a world-wide task is symbolized in the United Board for World Ministries. Here the great traditions of Christian world mission and Christian world service are joined in an integrated thrust. Through a far-flung and flexible program we reach out to every continent. These ministries touch the whole range of human needs, from food for the body to training for the mind and light for the seeking spirit.

Obviously we cannot hope to heal all the world's ills, but recognizing that God is at work everywhere and in all kinds of ways, we seek to focus our efforts with precision and power. Always the increase of faith and love is the goal as we witness in a most practical way to the reconciling, community making power of the gospel.

—Alfred Carleton

Re-Dedication at McPherson

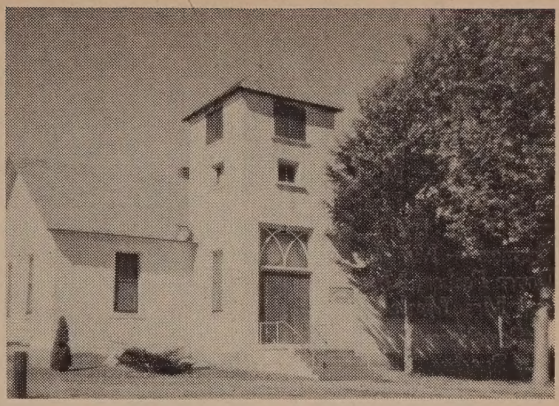
The newly remodeled sanctuary of our McPherson Church, pictured on our cover page, was dedicated at fitting services on October 22.

Improvements included new oak paneling and choir screen, pulpit, lectern and communion table and redecoration of the sanctuary walls in a rose beige and the organ grill work in gold. Pews were re-set to make a wide center isle and all isles as well as the extended front platform and steps are carpeted with maroon carpet, with matching drapes around the balcony. New brass cross, candlesticks, vases, offering plates and missal stand and Pulpit Bible were also used for the first time. The church foyer is newly painted and new floor covering installed.

The major cost of the remodeling and new furniture was paid for by the West Memorial Fund, left by Mrs. Maude E. West in memory of her husband and parents. Other Memorial Gifts and contributions completed the many improvements made.

At the Morning Worship, the Rev. George Stoneback preached on "The Church Is a Family". An original poem, "Bless This Church" was set to music and sung by Mrs. Lauren Matson. Guest soloists presented a Musical Vesper service in the afternoon. This was followed by a coffee hour in Fellowship Hall, brightened by new drapes which were a gift of the Couples Club.

FORD DIAMOND JUBILEE



The Congregational Church at Ford, observed its 75th Anniversary, October 15, 1961. The church was organized March 25, 1886 with twenty-three charter members. The meetings were held in a one-room school house for one year until the first building could be erected. The American Congregational Union made a grant of $450.00 for construtcion of the first structure, the total cost being $1,200.00. Remodeling and additions were made in 1923 and 1945. During the 75 years, twenty-three ministers have served this church, three of these being ordained women ministers. Mrs. James C. Mayes served with her husband from 1922 to 1929 and following his death continued to serve the church for ten more years. This is the longest pastorate in the life of the church. Other women ministers who served with distinction were Annie Switzer, 1918-22 and Muriel Olson, 1939-45. The present minister, the Rev. Clay Lumpkins was called to Ford in 1959.

The church was well filled for the morning service when Superintendent L. M. Rymph brought the Anniversary Message. A lovely dinner served at the Grade School building was followed by an afternoon program in the school auditorium. Special recognition was given Kathleen Emrie who has been an active member of the church for 59 years. Third, fourth and fifth generation children of the founding fathers were also recognized. Agnes Hertser brought greetings from former members. Rev. Malcolm White of Kinsley brought greetings from Western Association.

Special solos and music by the choir geratly contributed to the satisfactions and inspirations of the day.

A new tile floor had been laid in the basement and the walls given a new coat of paint, readying the building for the occasion.

SALINA SURVEY

On October 24, churches within a 100-125 mile radius of Salina were invited to send representatives to assist with a door-to-door survey at Salina on behalf of our new Rolling Hills Church there. The purpose was to uncover prospects who might be interested in this new church.

Some 30 out-of-town people responded to the call, 497 door bells were rung, a number of good prospects were discovered and a good time was had by all. Those assisting were:

Eastern: Manhattan — Rev. Julian Johnson, Mrs. R. M. Kerchner, Mrs. F. C. Lanning, Miss Amy Meyer and Mrs. Herbert Sandell. Topeka 1st — Mrs. W. E. A. Nottorf, Mrs. Harold Naill, Mrs. James Williams, Mrs. Hugh Fisher, Mrs. Chas. Galt, Mrs. J. L. Wilson, Mrs. Wm. T. Shepard and Miss Edith Kubeck. Topeka-Seaman — Mrs. Lewis Paramore, Mrs. Boyce Forbes, Mrs. Donald Robertson, and Mrs. Merle Meyers.

Southern: McPherson — Mrs. Albert Butcher, Miss Abigail Bixby, Mrs. Lauren Matson, Mrs. Niles Gibson and Mrs. A. I. West, Jr. Wichita Concord — Rev. and Mrs. George Dreher and Mrs. Madeline St. Peters. Wichita Fairmount — Mr. Gordon Jones.

Western: Great Bend — Mrs. Phil Felton, Mrs. Tom Hoge and Mrs. Leona Keegan.

A courtesy lunch was served at noon at the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Rymph at Marymount and Ruskin Road.

Around The Associations

This year, beautiful, sunny fall weather pervailed at Southern and Eastern, while Western met during a gentle fall rain.

Mr. and Mrs Richard Fagan, Missionaries in the Philippines gave graphic interpretation of the people, their needs and the mission program designed to develop better living standards in the country. Mr. Fagan, an Agricultural Missionary, hopes to take some choice breeding stock back with him in August 1962, including milking goats, dairy cattle, and pigs.

New officers elected will take over at the close of the State Conference sessions in April. **Eastern** accepted the invitation to meet next fall at Topeka Seaman with the Rev. Ray Haun as host pastor. The new Moderator will be the Rev. Oscar Bonny; Assistant Moderator — Mr. Fred Hollister of Sabetha; Registrar — Rev. Marvin Ediger. Ministerial Standing Committee is Rev. Julian Johnson (1962), Chairman, Mrs. Charles Armstrong (1962), Rev. Charles Aeschliman (1963), Rev. Millard Marshall (1963), Rev. Floyd Davidson (1964).

Southern association chose Mr. Wood Runyan of Anthony as President, Mr. John D. Davidson of Newton as Vice President with the Rev. A. H. Bartter continuing as Registrar. The 1962 meeting will be held at Whitewater with the Rev. Louie Poppe and his people. The Ministerial Standing Committee is: Rev. George Dreher, Chairman (1962), Rev Sadaichi Asai (1963), Mr. Gordon Jones (1963), Rev. L. G. Poppe (1964), Mrs. Edwin L. Collins (1964).

Western will meet next fall at Russell with the Rev. Ed Mehlhaff as host pastor. The Moderator elected is Mr. Thaine Larson of Athol; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Robert Baker of Osborne with Rev. Malcolm White as Registrar. The Advisory Committee includes these officers plus Mrs. Malcolm White, Mr. Leonard Cutting, Mr. Daniel R. Hopkins and the Rev. Ed. Brantz. Three churches — Ash Rock, Lincoln and Olive Hill were dropped from the Western roll at their own request.

A Memorial

Electronic carillon bells were dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Ruth Hathaway on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29 at Udall. The Rev. A. H. Bartter of Newton brought the sermon. The Rev. Max DaMetz is Minister.

I Hear These Bells At Christmas

School Bells bringing the gift of knowledge to minds seeking the life abundant —

Rhythm bells bringing the gift of trust in the tight little hands of a five year old as he lifts his radiant face to life —

Doorbells bringing gifts of warm relationships which weave themselves into the circle of Thy care —

Telephone Bells bringing gift messages of hope, of despair, of need, of kindness, as they sing across the wires —

Salvation Army Bells bringing the gift of remembrance that another's suffering is also our own —

Sleigh Bells bringing the gift of aliveness through the crispness of the out-ofdoors, the brightness of diamond studded snowflakes, the ever-changing panaroma of ice and stars vibrantly brilliant in a cold clear sky—

Wedding Bells bringing the gift of self to another self, uniting themselves in holy love —

Carillon Bells bringing soft deep tones of reassurance across a world of reverberating fears — and

Christmas Bells bringing the gift of the Christ to all mankind because no man can hold back the eternal flow of love.

These are the ***Bells*** I hear at Christmas!

— *Charlotte Heide (Mrs. Paul)*

About Grand Rapids

Among hundreds who attended the Mid-West Regional meeting in Park Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, were nine from Kansas. We were represented by our Superintendent, Dr. L. Merle Rymph, our State Moderator, Charles Gunn, the President of the Women's Fellowship, Mrs. Charles Gunn, four other ministers, Dieter Flemming, Robert Gurtler, Jack Fitzgerald and Merril Isley, and Mrs. John W. Gibson and Alice Huggins.

Many directors of the national boards were in attendance because their boards were meeting in business sessions of considerable importance to our on-going work.

The general sessions were planned around the theme "The Living God and Today's World" so the subjects of the speeches were, "God's Action in the World-Wide Christian Church" by Dr. Roswell Barnes of the World Council of Churches, "God's Action Through Missions Today" by five area secretaries of the American Board, "God's Action in American Society" by the famous writer, Martin Marty, "God's Action in the Local Church" by a group of national leaders, and "God's Action in the Hearts of Men" by Walter Leibrecht.

This centralization of the themes on what God is doing was a healthy one. It was the observation of this reporter that there is a growing dissatisfaction with our present status standards in the evaluation of church life: what salary the minister receives, the cost of the church building, how many choirs it has, and its numerical membership. Many feel it is time for church people to change from an essentially worldly self-satisfied comfort seeking with a Christian veneer to a deep commitment to Christ and a dedicated following of his teachings. There was no breast beating at Grand Rapids, but there was surely no patting of ourselves on the back. There was earnest and very sane consideration of how we can better fulfill our responsibilities as Christians in the immediate present.

Park Church, has a building that is adequate for even such a large gathering and the planning had been so well done that every activity worked with smoothness and efficiency. This was unobtrusively accomplished by a large number of hosts and hostesses who gave their full time for four days, in addition to the hours they spent in preparation. Even in so large a membership as that of Park Church, finding so many workers and organizing their services was a remarkable achievement. Most of them had to miss attendance at any of the meetings. The early-to-late busy Snack Bar was only one of the many ways in which Park Church members made their hundreds of guests comfortable. This reporter has never seen the hospitality at a large meeting managed more pleasantly and generously.

—Alice Huggins, reporting.

Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross

This is the sixteenth year that C.C. churches and individuals across the nation have given to the Christmas Fund. Thru these special gifts ministers and their widows who have given years of service on small salaries and suffered the inroads of inflation are given a lift at Christmas time and in times of special need. Give to the Christmas Fund in 1961!

Reader's Digests Needed

Miss Martha Shaler writes enthusiastically about the beginnings of her work at the American Collegiate Institute, Goztepe, Ismir, Turkey. She finds that her school can use a generous number of used Reader's Digests. Put one in each manila envelope with a clasp. The Turkey postoffice and customs do not like large parcels.

Many Thanks!

To Kansas Women's Fellowship for the recent check of $359.00 as an extra gift for CHEF. These were "idle dollars" that the women wanted to see at work. Are there such funds in organizations in your church? Why not put them to work through C.H.E.F.?

Improvements at Maple Hill

The Women's Fellowship at Maple Hill is sponsoring a 20′ x 32′ addition to the present Parish Hall. The extension will include an all-purpose room for small meetings, built-in cabinets, drawers and racks for church school supplies, books and equipment. The pastor's study is also being remodeled with cabinets and filing space. A new roof has recently been put on the church building. The Rev. W. E. Dull is Minister.

Mayflower Anniversary

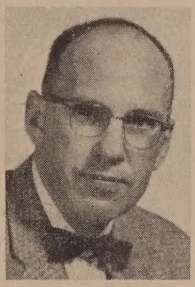
Celebrating the sixth anniversary of the founding of Mayflower Church in Wichita, members and friends met for a covered dish supper on November 1. The Rymphs "Report on Africa" was followed by a service of Holy Communion.

In Memory

Dean Arthur J. Hoare, a long time member of Fairmount Church, who passed away last spring, willed some $7,000.00 to the church. A lover of music who sang in the church choir for many years, Mr. Hoare left the fund toward the purchase of a new pipe organ for the sanctuary of a new church when it is built. The bequest to be a Memorial to his wife, Lucia Hoare.

Gurtler Installation

On Sunday November 26 at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, the Rev. Robert E. Gurtler will present a statement on his background, training, Christian experience and beliefs before delegates from churches in Eastern Association. Mr. Gurtler began leadership at Welborn Community Church in Kansas City on June first. The formal service of installation will follow a courtesy supper served by the host church.



The sermon will be given by the Rev. Julian Johnson. Others participating are: Dr. Warren Matthews, Rev. Paul Davis, Dr. L. M. Rymph, Rev. Marvin Ediger, Rev. Floyd Q. Davidson and Rev. Dieter Flemming.

Golden Wedding

Rev. and Mrs. George LaBounty, retired Congregational leaders, are making their home in Wichita with their daughter. They are very active in Faith E&R Church where Mr. La Bounty, 88 years of age, teaches the High school class in Sunday School. Following a lecture by Dr. Allen Wehrli on October 30, the church honored the La Bounty's with a reception, anniversary cake, and refreshments.

Meeting on Foreign Policy

Helen Davis - Reporting

Several members of the Conference CSA committee were privileged to attend a Foreign Policy Briefing Conference in Kansas City, October 26.

Under Secretary of State, Chester Bowles, the primary speaker, gave a very helpful and dynamic address. Other speakers were Charles E. Bohlen who spoke on Russia and Communism, Robert F. Woodward, on Latin America, J. Wayne Fredericks on African Affairs, John O. Bell, on Foreign Aid and Roger W. Tubby, who moderated the meeting. After each address, there was time for questions from the floor.

Revolutionary Change

Chester Bowles outlined four enormous revolutionary changes which are inter-twined in all world relationships today!

1: The political, social and cultural upheaval among formerly oppressed people who now know that better lives and a greater measure of justice and dignity are possible for them.

2. The rise of industrial and military power of the Soviet Union.

3: The emergence of a land-hungry, resource - hungry, Communist China with her exploding population and expansionist aims.

4: The advance in science and technology that has the power to destroy civilization.

As a nation, we have left our isolationism behind only 20 years ago and today find ourselves leaders at a time when all four of these revolutions are surging.

Words of Warning

Secretary Bowles warned against the forms of escapism to which some of us as citizens of the United States are prone:

1: The idea that nuclear war is inevitable. The total destruction of civilization resulting from blast and fallout is almost unthinkable. But "until there evolves some kind of world society which can assure controlled disarmament, the peaceful settlement of disputes, and international justice under law, the military power of the free world, is vital to peace. Being prepared to fight is an entirely different thing from provoking a fight."

2: If the world doesn't go our way, we can somehow return to isolationism. But "we could not become isolationist without becoming a garrison state, in which our military expenditures would be far greater, in which our economic well-being would be diminished, and in which our fundamental liberties would be impaired . . . we do not maintain diplomatic contacts with other nations, nor do we provide them assistance, simply to win their friendship and attract their support. Our primary purpose is to help these nations become strong and healthy, so that they may be permitted freedom of choice as free and independent societies."

3: The escapism of fighting the shadow of peril rather than the peril itself. This is the temptation to concentrate exclusively on the "internal Communist danger." Of course, we must be on guard against subversion of our national efforts, but "we may also hope that all Americans will someday learn to distinguish between the concepts of Communism as advocated by the Kremlin and the democratic faith as outlined by Jefferson and Lincoln. . . . The answer to the Communist challenge is more democ-

racy and progressivism, not less." Communism has never succeeded in democratic nations where there are economic well-being and social justice. It has gained power only where people, illiterate, hungry and oppressed, have abandoned all hope that their problems can be solved by any other alternative.

4: The utopian solution. Escapist thinkers who take this line believe that if we could just sit down with the aggressive leaders of the world and talk things over, we could work out the problems of the world reasonably.

But Mr. Bowles says that "the challenge of our perilous environment can be met by positive, realistic policies." We must face the world with confidence in our basic strength. This is not only the strength of military power, but also "rooted deep in the moral faith on which our country is based."

New Patterns

Other speakers stressed that race relations today are not a domestic but an international issue. Leaders of the new nations in Africa mostly between 25 and 35 years of age, will be educated in our country and in Russia. How we relate personally and culturally to international students is crucial. The picture of our nation conveyed thru visitors from abroad, and our movies, advertisements, newspapers, and tourists, all contribute for or against democracy in other nations. Actually, it is not Communism that has laid the foundation for the political upheaval in the world today, but Democracy with its Bill of Rights; and the United Nations' assertion that every man has the right to human dignity and all that goes with it. The Communists capitalize on the unrest which accompanies political change, but no nation willingly chooses Communism. Neither will new nations be carbon copies of the U. S.; they must be free to work out the kind of free government which is adaptable to their own situations.

TOGETHER

In the United Church of Christ

Western Kansas U.C.C. ministers and families have been getting together bi-monthly for the past two-years. The host church serves the noon meal for a nominal sum and the afternoon is spent in informal fellowship. The Rev. Philip C. Fischer of Hudson has been convener, but the Rev. Ed Mehlhaff now fills the position. On November 13, the Rev. and Mrs. Ed Brantz of Great Bend will host the meeting.

Northeast Kansas U. C. Youth

A very interesting experiment in inter-church cooperation has been in progress for several years in Northeast Kansas. Known as the Northeast Kansas United Church Youth Fellowship, it unites the young people's groups of five Congregational and four E&R churches. Churches included are Sabetha, Seneca, Centralia, Onaga and Muscotah, Frieden's, (Bern) Marysville, Fairview and Hiawatha. Quarterly meetings are held with the churches taking turns as hosts. The last meeting was an overnight retreat held at Centralia on Aug. 19th and 20th. Ted Kelley is President and Jean Kelley is the Secretary — both from Centralia. The next meeting will be held at Onaga.

Greater Kansas City Area

The C.C. ministers' Fellowship in this area had its beginings several years ago and was expanded more than a year ago to include all 21 UCC

ministers in the area. The group has a monthly luncheon meeting at Colonial Church in Prairie Village, with the Rev. Dieter Flemming as Chairman. Various committees at work include — a study committee regarding a Home for the Aging, a committee which provides quarterly curriculum previews and a Church Vocations committee.

This group gave impetus to the organization of the Inter City Youth Fellowship which meets once each quarter. At their next meeting scheduled for November 19 they will show the film, "The Delinquent, the Hipster and the Square." The Rev. Marvin Ediger is sponsor of this group.

Greater Wichita Area

An area CC Pilgrim Fellowship group made up of PF'ers living within a 50 mile radius of Wichita, has been meeting for some time. At a meeting held at Sedgwick early in October this group was expanded to include all U.C.C. young people in the area. Officers include Allen Zuercher of Whitewater - President; Joe Heide, Wichita - Vice President; Harriet Christensen, Mt. Hope - Secretary; Nancy Baites, Wichita Salem E&R - Treasurer. Co-Sponsors are Rev. Charles Burchardt of Newton Trinity E&R and Rev. Boyd Bonebrake of Mt. Hope. The next meeting will be held at Whitewater on December 3.

Town and Country

Fifteen ministers and one layman from U.C.C. — 8 CC's and 8 E&R's attended the Town and Country meeting in Palestine, Texas, October 16-19.

U.C.C. Women at Wakefield

At the October 17 Guest Day of the Wakefield Women's Fellowship, the Women's Guild of Junction City and St. John's Alida and the Missionary Society of Milford, were guests. The Rev. Julian Johnson made the Statement of Faith of the U.C.C. the instrument of his message on "Creating and Reviewing the Church". Mrs. John Wyss of Junction City E&R and Mrs. E. N. Hawes of Wakefield CC presented background and heritage of their respective churches. Miss Fern Normandin reports that Pilgrim costumes, bountiful harvest decorations and a sweet "Merger" of spirit, mind and fellowship, made the occasion one long to be remembered.

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Are You Soft-Soaping God?

DUZ you DREFT along with the TIDE? Well, brother, if you want JOY, the TREND is to BREEZE along to church on Sunday. Too many WOODBURY their heads in a pillow, or try to make a lawn SPARKLE. They forget that the Lord's day was made for LESTOIL and the way the world LUX today, you should WISK yourself out of bed, dress up SPIC AND SPAN and DASH into God's house like a COMET and PRAISE Him. Cleanse your soul, and the DOVE of peace will bring more CHEER and ZEST into your life. This is not a silly BAB-O, for you will find it will add to your LIFE BUOY. Just DIAL heaven in prayer, send an SOS and connect with the IVORY palaces.

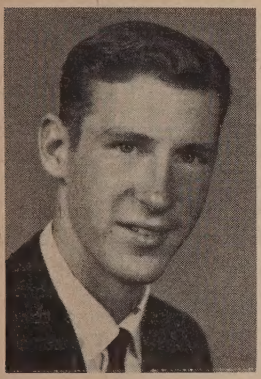
—From a church newsletter

Mt. Hope to Build

Early in October the Mt. Hope people voted by an overwhelming majority to proceed with plans to build a Christian Education addition to their present church structure. The architect's plans are drawn and bids for construction will be let soon. Rev. Boyd Bonebrake is Minister.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Buddy See, President **Dorothy Reeves, Secretary**



Joe Heide

Sue Thompson

Jean Heide

Youth Conference on Race Relations

October 27-29 at Camp Bide-A-Wee near Wichita, Jeane Heide, State Christian Action Chairman, represented Kansas PF at this conference on the theme "Freedom's Challenge — the Color Bar in Wichita." The Conference, sponsored by the Institute of International Relations, included interviews with community leaders by teams of young people, discussions on what equality of opportunity really means, establishing friendships across color lines and the effect of American practice in race relations on foreign policy.

Firstest With the Mostest

Again Whitewater scores with the first Work Day for Christ check totalling $133.00. On Friday evening, October 20, they hung a flyer on every door asking people of the community to call the parsonage for workers. Every year they have more calls than they can fill. Their offering was dedicated at the Sunday morning service.

As we go to press, Work Day receipts are as follows: Udall — $14.75, Wabaunsee — $20.00, Gorham — $72.83, Wichita Pilgrim — $57.75, Almena — $22.00, KC Welborn — $72.50, Topeka Seaman — $83.00, and Wichita Mayflower — $4.55.

Send Work Day receipts to Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship, 923 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, as soon as possible. Also return the Christian Action pledge card stating the amount you will share on the $5,000.00 State goal before P&T next August.

The Cellar

A place of fellowship in the basement of the Ellis bank had its opening on Sept. 29 following the football game. This project, sponsored by the PF group of the Ellis Congregational Church, affords wholesome recreation for young people of the community.

YOUTH WEEK
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1962

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Charles Gunn, President

A Letter From Liz . . . .

In October in the churches one could truly experience "that blessed sense of belonging" which is so much a part of the Christian community.

The Fall Association meetings were made up of representatives of the churches which are drawn together geographically. Increasingly, in the United Church, these groupings will take on the aspect of the church family — and the ties of belonging will become even stronger as we seek to work together. We are coming to recognize the growing importance of the Associations as we approach more perfect union in the United Church of Christ. The "blessed sense of belonging" came strong to me when Western Association members stood to recognize the Salina Church and welcome it into the Association.

And to have Vera and Gordon Lancaster again living in Kansas! . . . ah, here, indeed is great blessing. We welcome them back to the Conference.

When Sally Butcher and Abigail Bixby of the McPherson Women's Fellowship spent an afternoon in Great Bend and we went to First Church for a visit with the Dick Fagans of the Philippines, here again, I felt the ties of the fellowship. Abigail will be our Retreat Chairman, and we rejoice that she wants to do this work.

Charles and I felt very much at home in the Manhattan Church where we stopped for lunch and the program of the Women's Fellowship, enroute to Grand Rapids, Michigan and the Midwest Regional Meeting. In Manhattan, Floyd and Esther Davidson of Seabrook Church in Topeka, were guests, as we were. A spirited discussion on the new Council for Lay Life and Work, an instrumentality of the United Church, pointed up the afternoon's program. Here again, we experienced that "blessed sense of belonging." The Manhattan Church is the one in which our Virginia and Doug were nurtured during their college days. Two months ago they were married there. Virginia's parents, Dr. Lee and Helen Railsback, are members of this church. The ties grow stronger. (Oh yes, Virginia and Doug are living at 14 Green Garden Courts, East Haven 12, Connecticut. She is teaching home economics to 8th and 9th grade girls in East Haven, and he is attending Yale Divinity School in New Haven and doing field work at Dunbar Hills United Church, working with the youth groups. They like it there.)

Our drive to Grand Rapids was beautiful. The leaves were green, yellow, brown, red and purple — all shades of all of these! The roadside stands had colorful collections of pumpkins, apples, pears, squash, tomatoes, peppers, etc. Our car still smells like apples and pumpkins. Of course, we brought some home! Drive past our little white house and you'll see pumpkins by the front steps and many-hued ears of corn hanging from the porch railing and beside the doors.

Midwest Regional was a tremendous meeting. For the women, I suspect the most important moment was when Lillian Gregory, our National Executive Secretary, was presented a citation

from the women of this region in recognition of her wonderful leadership.

It was a great privilege for me to be in charge of the leadership training workshop for the pre-session for women; and I was extremely proud that Charles was the presiding officer for the laymen's session which followed the Midwest Regional meeting. He is now a corporate member of the United Church Board for World Ministries and we feel this is a great and humbling honor. The heritage of our heroes and heroines exemplified by the missionaries who have served under the Board these past 152 years is proud indeed.

Yes, it IS a "blessed sense of belonging" — this Fellowship of ours. Our trip was almost over when we stopped for dinner on the Kansas Turnpike outside of Topeka. We shared our table with strangers, a couple waiting to be served — and they turned out to be fellow Congregationalists — Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Hohenboken of the United Church of Christ in Geneseo, Ill.

It was almost too good to be true.

Affectionately,
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Friendly Service

In His instructions to the twelve apostles, Jesus said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Later the great missionary, Paul, said "I have showed you all things how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Paul had the Friendly Service Department working in the churches he was shepherding, and gave us a good example of the need to help each other in the home community and in foreign communities. Friendly Service giving must not be a burden, but should be done in the spirit of Christian concern to share and fill urgent needs.

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—Mrs. J. D. Coffin, Chairman
Friendly Service

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